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1. Preparation of the ground for the HUKO (Hutni kombinat) Steel Works, which is to be the largest steel plant in Czechoslovakia, has been accomplished and work on part of the buildings has begun.
2. The HUKO Steel Works are actually located between the towns of Velka Ida and Bocar (both R 49/E 22), which are about five kilometers apart and approximately 15 kilometers from Kosice. The railroad line between Kosice and Moldava nad Bebravou passes through the steel works area.
3. According to plan, the HUKO project was to have been completed under the Five-Year Plan, which expires in 1953. However, in view of the progress actually made on the project it appears impossible to achieve this. Only 70% of the construction plan for 1950 was completed and the entire budget for 1953 was consumed during 1952.
4. The project is divided into the following centers during the construction; each center is individually directed and administered:
  - a. Housing development in Saca (R 49/E 23). This is actually to become a new city, which will be called Kosice Nove Mesto. Approximately 4,000 HUKO workers are to live there. The development has three-story buildings, each with 30 apartments. It is located on the north side of the highway near Saca on the road between Kosice and Roznava (R 49/D 74).
  - b. Heavy forge in Bocar. From the plans, excavations and laying of cement going on here it is assumed that eight halls 200 by 80 m. in size and about 20 buildings 60 by 25 m. in size are to be built. Four of the larger and ten of the smaller buildings have already been completed. No machines for these buildings have arrived, however.

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- c. Center for sewer and water lines in Buzinka (R 49/E 23). The excavations for water lines are as deep as eight meters and as wide as 1.25 meters in places. Steel and cement line pipe averaging one meter in size has been laid. Water for the steel works is to be obtained from local mountain springs. A tunnel is also being dug for the water line to supply the blast furnaces from the Hornad River. This tunnel is three meters in diameter and is 18 to 20 meters underground. Shields for the pipe in the tunnel were made by the former Techna factory in Kosice, which was taken over by HUKO in 1952.
- d. Unloading of construction material at Velka Ida. It is difficult to estimate the unloading capacity because of the labor shortage. Each unloading station has three 20-ton bridge cranes.
- e. Construction of eight blast furnaces planned at the principal construction area in Velka Ida. Concrete for the bases of these furnaces is being laid. A Czech, Eng. Kopeckzy (fnu), is in charge of construction here.
- f. Motor pools and garages are located at Velka Ida and Buzinka. The one at Velka Ida has 55 three-ton Skoda-Csepe! trucks; the one at Buzinka has 40 trucks.
- g. Laying of electric lines. The HUKO plant is allegedly to get its electric current from Kosice while under construction, but after the project is completed the current is to come from the Dobsina hydroelectric plant. It is also planned to construct another hydroelectric plant in the Kysak area (R 49/E 25) which will supply the HUKO complex with power. It is planned to have 14 transforming stations within the HUKO complex.
- h. Machine repair plant in Velka Ida. This is a plant which has the job of repairing and improving construction machinery and of drawing up construction designs.
- i. Central cement plant. Cement for the entire HUKO complex is made here. It has four concrete mixers of a capacity of 500 liters each.
- j. Sand and gravel quarries. Both of these are situated north of the Kosice-Roznava highway. About 90 tons of gravel are brought by truck and team daily for use in HUKO construction work. Sand is brought by a narrow-gauge spur railroad line.
- k. Barracks camps in Buzinka and Velka Ida. These consist of temporary barracks for workers who cannot commute from their homes because of the distance involved.

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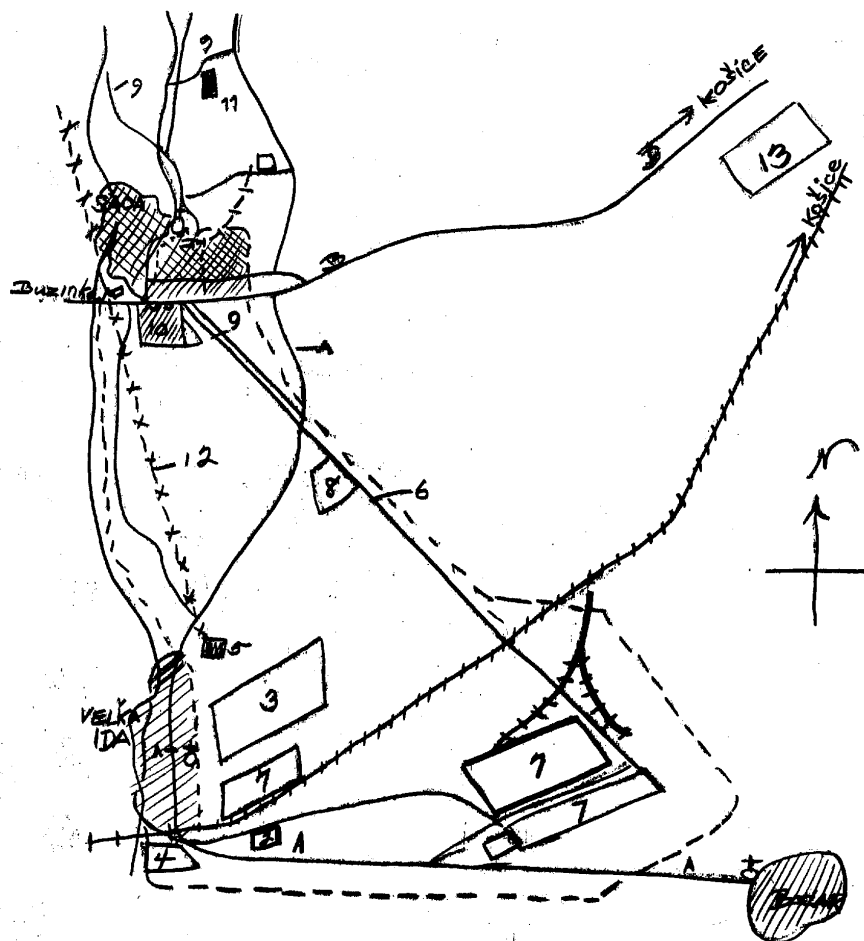
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- = Roads
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Legend to sketch of HUKO Steel Works project, Kosice

1. This building is to be the machinery hall. [ ] it is to be 500 meters long and 250 meters wide. 25X1
2. Automobile garage.
3. Site of future administrative buildings.
4. Barracks camp for workers.
5. Electric transformer building.
6. Wide (perhaps eight meters) concrete road from Buzinka to the section of the HUKO complex south of the railroad where construction is just beginning.
7. Site of the future foundries [ ] 25X1
8. Concrete mixing station.
9. Water pipe lines.
10. Camp for workers.
11. Gravel quarry.
12. Electric power line.
13. Not identified.
  - A. Ordinary dirt road, not very good.
  - B. Very good asphalt road to Kosice.

Note: The areas which are cross-hatched on the sketch in the vicinity of Buzinka are also alleged to be sites for future buildings of the HUKO complex.

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